

# **Howard County Consumer Protection Advisory Board Meeting Minutes September 13, 2017**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.**

- Present: Marshall McLeod, Richard Green, Katherine Bornstein (by phone), Young Smith,
- Absent: Jill Bussey, Ronnie Sanderson,

**Minutes of the August meeting** were approved as read.

**FY2017 Annual Report Preparation** - Becky ask the Board to review the final draft of the Annual Report and to provide any comments or suggestions before the next meeting when the Board will vote on its submission to the County Executive and Council.

**2018 Student Loan Forum** – Becky met with Dawn Lowe from Howard County Community College to discuss the 2018 event.

- Dawn is looking into whether the event can be held in the Horowitz theater. If not, HCC will post more signs and have people to direct attendees to the venue.
- HCC has provided us with the catering menu and price list. Katherine volunteered to review the list and give the Board recommendations on food for the event.
- Becky and Dawn have discussed the panel composition and are looking into availability of panelists.

## **Announcements and New Business**

- Re National Consumer Protection Week event in March 2018. AARP and the Howard County Library System have agreed to partner with OCP on an event that will focus on Tax ID Theft, selecting a tax preparer and free tax services. A conference call to discuss details is being set up for later this month.
- OCP has sent out an alert warning about donation scams following natural disasters. OCP will be sending out information later this week about the Equifax data breach.
- A press release has been sent out announcing the vacancy on the Board. The deadline for applications is September 29, 2017.
- The Korean festival will be held on September 16 at Centennial Lake. OCP will have a table, and Ronnie has volunteered to help staff it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37.

**The next meeting of the Consumer Protection Advisory Board will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 in the Office of Consumer Protection's conference room.**